

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

This Amendment amends the specification, to correct an error introduced during translation of the original Japanese text; and amends Claims 1-2. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for the amendments is found in the specification at least at Example 1, page 25, lines 9-10 ("measurement range of 205 mm [diametric end-to-end length (215 mm) - 10 mm = 205 mm]"). No new matter would be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 10-15 will be pending in this application. Claim 10 is independent.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and issuance of the above-identified allowed application.

Respectfully submitted,

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